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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The candidates for office in this county seem to be making a still hunt for offices.

Some of the best workers that Bryan had at his back in 1896 are now supporters of McKinley.

America's policy is an open door in the Orient, without territorial aggression, and it is gaining friends every day.

N. A. Mozley is now in full charge of the Bloomfield Courier, the only Republican newspaper in Stoddard county.

If the people of Cape Girardeau don't stand together and vote together they are not patriotic, home-loving people.

The Democratic candidates for county offices are making frequent visits to this city but the Republican candidates are hardly ever seen here. They suppose they have the votes of this city cornered.

The statement that has been creeping into the Democratic press of late that Senator Mason of Illinois will not vote for McKinley is false as Mr. Mason is canvassing for McKinley and will vote for him.

The election of McKinley is now conceded by some of the Democratic leaders and we can look forward to another prosperous term. The evidence of the past is a guarantee of the future prosperity of our country.

A vote for Flory is the only effective way to set down on the ringsters who have so long controlled the government of our State affairs to the sorrow of the people. Bear that in mind when you go to the polls next November.

The Democratic papers picture Joe Flory as the champion hand car rider. The hand car riders are the men who build the railroads and the railroads are the country's civilizers. The laboring man who votes against Joe Flory is a back number.

It will be remembered that Dockery controlled the patronage of Missouri under Cleveland. This he could not have done had not the President believed him to be a gold bug. Now he seeks to be elected Governor by the vote of the silverites.

The Chicago Tribune says of Bryan's "mushy" Philippine policy, that "it is a proposition to quit, to get out, and run away," and that "Americans have never taken kindly to that kind of policy. From the days of Lexington and Concord to the storming of the walls of Peking, the Americans have been stayers. Mr. Bryan's proposition to sound an American retreat in the presence of armed Malays strikes an unwanted and unpopular note." That's about the size of it, viewing it from any and every standpoint.

The news from South Africa is read little these days. In fact, it might be said that few are aware that the war in that region is still under way. However it is still going on and that fact is an embarrassing and humiliating thing for England. It makes her course in China uncertain and prevents her from sending a large army to Peking which she would have done had it not been for the present trouble with the Boers in South Africa. When the real end of the Boer trouble comes there ought to be more rejoicing in England than any which was called out by the close of any conflict in which that country was engaged since the Napoleonic wars.

The world, since the inception of history, has known no more brilliant defense than was made by the legation at Peking. That it should have succeeded appears almost incredible. In the grounds of the British legation were assembled the representatives of the several nations, backed by scarcely a platoon of soldiers, and yet they withstood the onslaught of the chosen legions of China, the most populous nation of the world, for fifty-six days. The determination of all was to do or die, and in the success achieved it was truly demonstrated that the safety of nations lies in the stout hearts of their defenders rather than in artificial defenses.

The Bloomfield Courier in speaking of the building up of Southeast Missouri in the line of railroad facilities bestows just credit upon Mr. Houck whose efforts in this direction have made this section what it is to-day. The Courier says:
"If the building of railroads continues in the bottom regions of Southeast Missouri for the next twenty years as in the last twenty it will be the best supplied with commercial facilities of any agricultural district of the United States if not in the world. But other districts of our country have not Louis Houck to keep the work moving. Leave his work out of Southeast Missouri and our district would be worth millions less in taxable wealth and far behind its present standing. Houck has his faults but he is a worker from away back, and all his efforts benefit others and the country."

Through the policies of the Republican party the value of American farm products have increased a round billion of dollars since 1895, and yet Bryan is trying to prove to the farmer that the present prosperity is a myth. Even should they believe the orator, it is not likely that they can be induced to surrender the myth.

The Opening of the Schools.

Tuesday marked the opening of our schools and with it came the end of vacation for our teachers and scholars. A few months spent roaming about the country, breathing the fresh air of the Ozarks, or enjoying the solitude of farm life, paddling barefooted it the streams and brooklets among the little fishlets, has come to an end and duty calls the mind which is now fresh that it might bond its energies to the books of knowledge.

The Normal opened with a large enrollment and prospects brighter than they have been for some time past. In the morning the time was devoted to the organization of classes, the classification of the students and the lessons announced for Wednesday which was practically the first day for actual work.

The Public School this year shows a rapid gain. The little folks actually swarmed there at the opening anxious to begin their school work. The teachers handled the little ones with an experienced hand and after a few hours had them all properly placed in their respective rooms and classes.

The colored school shows a gain almost equal to the Lorimer and ere the school days are far advanced they are sure of still greater increase.

The St. Vincent's Young Ladies' Academy, which has no equal as an educational institution in this part of the country, shows a decided gain over last year.

The same might be said of the German Lutheran School and the German Catholic School, both of which are institutions that we are pleased to see growing in favor as they undoubtedly are.

The Wrong Porterfield.

We find the following in the St. Louis Republic of last Sunday:

Walter Lawrie Porterfield, Republican candidate for Secretary of State arrived in the city yesterday and registered at the Moser Hotel. Kansas City has been credited as Mr. Porterfield's permanent address, but on the register of the Moser he writes "W. Lawrie Porterfield, Cape Girardeau, Mo." That the Republican nominee for Secretary of State parts his name in the middle is not new, but his removal to Southeast Missouri will be a surprise to most of his friends.

The W. Lowrie Porterfield spoken of in the above is our Lowrie Porterfield, youngest son of Dr. John D. Porterfield of this city. He is a mere boy and is therefore not a candidate. W. Lowrie Porterfield, Republican candidate for Secretary of State, is a cousin of John D. Porterfield and his permanent address is Kansas City. Will the Republic stand corrected?

Captured a Counterfeiter.

James J. Gilpin was arrested near Poplar Bluff Sunday by Deputy United States Marshal, W. M. Osmer, of St. Louis, on a charge of manufacturing and circulating counterfeit money. He was arraigned before United States Commissioner O'Bryan and bound over to await action of the United States Grand Jury. Gilpin served a sentence for illicit sale of liquor, and a short time ago was on trial for murder.

Capt. Mason Shoots a Negro.

Cap Mason, the well known river man, shot an unknown negro twice last Monday night at Paducah. The latter had gained entrance to his sick wife's room. Capt. Mason was sleeping in another room, and when he heard his wife's screams he came to her assistance. He shot the negro in the back and in the side, but the brute managed to make his escape.

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HOT TAMALES.

The atmosphere of South Africa is full of unanswered Boer prayers.

Let it be understood that no man is a shirtwaist man who wears his braces in full view.

The question now is, will the newly-established starch trust stiffen the family bosom?

The Democrats of North Carolina do not call it the bloody shirt. Just now it is only "red."

The weeds have been cut and the snakes and other reptiles which have been hovering in our very midst have been forced to seek refuge in the suburbs.

The shirtwaist man has struck the Cape and the question has arisen, shall they be banished from society? Nay, nay, be lenient with those who deserve sympathy.

According to Bryan's theory that we cannot secure title to a people by force or by purchase, we must have acquired Louisiana and Texas in a Christmas stocking.

The principal plea of the Democrats in some portions of this State is that the tax rate is low. Heaven knows it ought to be low considering the kind of government we get.

Fashion notes say that attenuated hose are to be just the thing for women next winter. Why not? If men persist in appropriating the shirtwaist in hot weather, why shouldn't women tie on to socks when its cold?

The Gazette says that we have put in a gas engine. That booby is once again talking through his hat. Had we any use for gas we would have made an effort to secure his services as he has an unlimited supply of the above mentioned article.

A Kentucky preacher accepted a challenge to fight a duel, and chose potatoes as the weapons, distance, twenty hills. He vanquished his enemy at the very first round. The legislature of that state should immediately pass a bill legalizing the use of the potato in all duels.

A Trenton man was fined \$75 and given six months in jail last week for whipping his wife. On the witness stand the woman alluded to his brutal treatment as "punishment." She said that the last whipping was administered because she refused to clean a road wagon so he could go to a church dedication the next day and sing in the choir, and was the hardest whipping that he had ever given her.

At a Democratic Convention held in the northern part of the State the other day one Democrat asked of another: "Have you two guns with you?" No, I have only one," replied the man who was appealed to for an extra weapon. "Well," said the disappointed citizen, "I have mine all right, but my brother-in-law forgot his." He then proceeded to look up somebody who had been so thoughtful as to bring two revolvers to the convention.

Man is a queer creature and to analyze him is a task that would require the patience of Job. Ordinarily this saying is a true one, but our experience as regards the editor of the Gazette has proven to the contrary. Those hysterical utterances which so frequently slip into the columns of that paper has fully convinced us that that wonderful mind (?) is laboring under a strain, aye, and such a strain that it bears evidence of a collapse. Perhaps he would do more good to christianity and civilization if he should vamoose from this fair clime and enter into journalism among the poor heathen of India.

Assaulted by a Jew.

Eli Klotz, the Wayne county Jew, who tried to get his fingers on the earnings of the Houck Railroad a few years ago, assaulted ex-Senator M. R. Smith in the lobby of the Laclede Hotel in St. Louis the other day. Smith was not badly hurt. The trouble grew out of a suit that was tried in Greenville. Smith was an attorney in the case and in the course of his remarks to the jury he accused Klotz of attempting to play the Judas act—or in other words tampering with the jury in the case. Smith should have killed the Christ killer on the spot.

Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters at the postoffice, Cape Girardeau, Mo., for the week ending September 5, 1900:
Anglade, Lewis
Andrews, Carrie
Beyersbach, Lucia Mrs.
Brooks, Annie Mrs.
Dayly, Robert
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HERE AND THERE.

West Plains is making preparations for a street fair.

Bloomfield now has electric lights. This little town is rapidly marching along the path of progressive advancement.

An anti-chicken thief society has been organized in Shelby county, and the next offender caught will be harshly treated. Three methods of punishment are under discussion—hanging, coat of tar and feathers and the whipping post.—Charleston Enterprise.

The fourth annual national convention of hoboes was held at Brit, Iowa, Aug. 22, 1900. The trust idea is now prevalent among the tramps, and the real reason for conveying it to formulate a trust. Fully 2,000 tramps were in attendance—tramps representing all the professions of life. A grand programme had been arranged.

Rev. S. G. Neil, the evangelist who has been laboring among the heathen (?) of Southeast Missouri, and who got together the money which built the chapel at Delta, is in exceedingly bad odor with the Southeast press. In a letter to a Philadelphia publication he intimates that Southeast Missouri could give Sodom and Gomorrah pointers on general cussedness. The Fredericktown News charges him categorically with deliberate, provable lying. We don't know where Neil got his data—perhaps in Pemiscot county where they revere the James boys—but we rise to remark that the bulk of Southeast Missouri compares favorably with any other section of the State in morality as in other respects.—Farmington News.

HOUCK INTERVIEWED.

The Editor of a Kennett Paper has a Talk with the Southeast Mo. Railroad Builder.

Speaking of the special train carrying President Louis Houck and others, last week, the Kennett Mail says:

"After the return of the special from Caruthersville, a reporter for the Mail interviewed Mr. Houck relative to his recent trip over the system and he asserted that there was no particular significance attached to it further than to show Mr. Donaldson over the road and to give him an idea of the wonderful progress being made in this section. Mr. Donaldson expressed himself as very much surprised and highly pleased with the general improvement on every hand and predicts a bright future for this part of the state.

Mr. Houck authorizes us to state that the long looked-for change in the time on the Kennett and Southern, mentioned some time in the Mail, will be made the 1st of September, viz: The regular passenger train that arrives here at 11 a. m. and goes to Senath, will be run to Caruthersville instead, making two trips daily. Another passenger train will be put on the south end making two trips daily connecting with the north-bound passenger at this place and with the P. and S. E. at the crossing at Byrds. The many advantages to be derived from this change has already been explained in the Mail and requires no repetition.

Mr. Houck also informs us that work on the Morehouse and Pascola road was progressing rapidly; that over 150 men are now at work and that the force would be increased to 400 before the end of the month. The road running north from Pascola will cross the Cotton Belt at Lotta, the C. & E. and I. at Commerce, and the Iron Mountain at Morehouse. The connection of this road with the S. M. & A. will give us a direct route to Cape Girardeau, and connect there with the I. C., which will not only place us in closer communication with St. Louis and Chicago, but will also give us better rates into other markets. It is thought that the right-of-way of this road will be cleared by the end of the month.

Mr. Houck also informs us that a telephone line will be put up immediately from Cape Girardeau to make connection with the line at this place, putting us again in closer connection with the world.



TO HOLD YOUR FERN.

A writer on etiquette has decided that this is the proper way to hold your fork—and no other. You must take it in the right hand and with the back of the hand up as in this picture. Must gratefully lift your food. The fork must upon the plate with the handle toward the right.

ALL AGES OF MANKIND

Look well when stylishly clothed in perfect fitting garments. You will appreciate the value of those few extra stitches and the carefully placed stays here and there, not often put in a garment, perhaps, but vitally necessary, if it is to be stylish and retain its shape.

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